

Burbage Junior School

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September 2019 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the first newsletter for this academic year, and I would like to give a very warm welcome to all the new children and parents that have started this term. We have some new staff to say hello to, and some staffing changes to tell you about. Mrs Jesson is now the Special Needs Co-ordinator over both the Infant School and the Junior School. Miss Felicity Dixon has joined us teaching in Year 4, Miss Charlotte Warren in Year 3, and Mrs Victoria Rees in Year 6.

It has been a busy few months for both schools. For another year we have had great SATs results, both at Year 2 and Year 6. In particular this year, the progress measure which looks at the amount of progress made between Year 2 and Year 6 is particularly strong, especially in maths and writing. This is an amazing achievement, especially as children typically already achieve high results at the end of Year 2. We would like to say a big well done to all our children for their hard work.

We are also working jointly to look at the curriculum across both schools, to make sure that the children's learning is as smooth as possible. Subject Coordinators from each school are working closely together to see how we can develop a curriculum that is as engaging and exciting as possible.

Mrs Karen Allen
Executive Headteacher

End-of-year Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our end-of-year questionnaires; we had 118 responses. They are incredibly useful in helping us to understand your concerns and priorities.

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
My child has enjoyed school	68%	30%	2%	0%	0%
My child has made good progress this year	71%	27%	2%	0%	0%
The school keeps me informed about my child's progress	53%	43%	3%	1%	0%
My child receives the right amount of homework	43%	47%	8%	2%	0%
Behaviour is good and any issues are dealt with effectively	44%	47%	3%	3%	3%
The school offers a good range of high quality, value for money clubs.	44%	39%	8%	1%	8%
The school's methods of communication with parents (including texts and emails) are effective	64%	32%	4%	0%	0%

There are a number of areas we are currently working on as a result of your feedback. Year groups will continue to send out weekly updates letting you know what they have been up to and Mr Little is currently investigating more sporting opportunities for Years 3 and 4. You have said that you would like changes to homework and this is something that we will be addressing through parent focus groups later in the year.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big 'well done' to our School Council who held a MacMillan coffee afternoon on Friday, raising a fantastic £426.

This year, also saw the first staff 'bake off' which was hotly contested. Winning the most pupil votes was Mrs Cox. Congratulations!

Thank you to Mrs Cox and Mrs Ainscough for organising the event; to all the staff who entered the competition; everyone who donated cakes and all those that attended.



Faith Visits

Over the last few weeks, our pupils have taken part in a variety of faith trips, visiting a Buddhist Temple, Mosque, Hindu Temple, with Year 3 visiting a Sikh Gurdwara in October.

They also took part in a walk down Narborough Road (the most diverse street in Europe).

The children all behaved impeccably, showing respect for their surroundings and the people that they met.



School Visitors

Year 3 Stone Age Visit

Also on Friday, Year 3 had a visit from a Stone Age workshop company.

The children had great fun dressing in Stone Age costumes, creating cave paintings and carrying out their own archaeological digs!

Hindu Dance Workshop

Following their visit to a Hindu Temple, Year 4 were treated to a dance workshop on Tuesday. The children all had a lot of fun perfecting their moves!

Peripatetic Music Performance

On Monday, we were treated to a musical performance from our peripatetic music teachers. The children were introduced to the oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, euphonium and trombone.

Internet Safety

At the start of term, we were treated to an assembly by Google's 'Be Internet Legends' team. They shared some very important messages with the children.



Sporting News

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who have taken part in the first Leicestershire Schools' Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall on Saturday.



Football

Our Year 5/6 boys' football team made a great start to their Rice Bowl challenge, winning comfortably against Marriott Primary in their first match.



Year 3/4 Competitions

This year, watch out for news of a range of competitions for our Year 3 and 4 pupils, arranged by Mr Little in his new role as PE Lead.

Grove Road School's PTA



We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the PTFA volunteers and Burbage Juniors school staff who helped to run our film night on 20th September.

If you are able to help with any of our forthcoming Christmas events, please leave your details with the school office.



Remember to like our Facebook page: Grove Road Schools PTA

Parents' Coffee Morning

Our first parents' coffee morning took place on Friday 13th September. This was very well-attended and offered an opportunity for us to share some of our achievements and plans for the future as well as for parents to share their ideas and concerns.

Our next event will take place on 22nd November.

Look out for more details nearer the time.



HELP WANTED!

Do you know anyone that could spare a couple of hours a week? If so, Mrs Peckover would love to hear from you!

We are still looking for volunteers (subject to a short application and DBS checks) to take part in our bookworm scheme (to come in to school and listen to our children read) as well as any keen gardeners (similar to the army of volunteers over at the Infant school).

If you are interested, please come and talk to the school office.



Diary Dates

September

Monday 30th Parents' Week

October

Tuesday 1st Individual Photos

Wednesday 2nd Travelling Book Fair

Thursday 10th PTFA AGM

Friday 11th PTFA Non-uniform Day

14th – 18th Half Term

25th October Year 3/4 Disco

November

Friday 1st Year 5/6 Disco

Friday 8th Remembrance Service

Friday 22nd Parents' Coffee Morning

December

Wednesday 4th Flu Vaccinations

Friday 6th PTA Christmas Fayre

Monday 16th Year 3 Performance

Tuesday 17th Year 3 Performance

Wednesday 18th West End in Schools Performance

Thursday 19th Church Service

Friday 20th Last day of Autumn Term

January

Tuesday 7th First day of Spring Term